

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-19 (cancelled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A fastener for multiple locking of doors or wall portions in housings or cabinets, particularly for outdoor use, comprising:

a lockable actuation member such as a ~~[[handle]]~~ hand lever and further comprising a drive toothed wheel which is connected to said actuation member supported in a door so as to be rigid against rotation with respect to the actuation member and which engages with a lock rod which is supported in the door so as to be ~~displaceable~~ axially displaceable and which has teeth on at least one side;

~~one or more lock elements~~ at least one lock element which ~~[[is/are]]~~ is held in the door so as to be rotatable or swivelable and which ~~[[is/are]]~~ is coupled with the lock rod; and

for each lock element, a driven toothed wheel, which is directly connected to the lock element so as to be rigid against rotation with respect to the lock element and which engages with the toothing of the lock rod, being held on the door in a rotatable manner in order to couple the lock rod with the lock element or lock elements.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 20,

wherein the lock rod which is supported so as to be ~~displaceable~~ axially displaceable is guided in a plurality of separate metal guide parts or plastic guide parts.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 20,

wherein the lock rod, which is supported so as to be ~~displaceable~~ axially displaceable, is guided in an elongated metal profile or plastic profile.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 22,

wherein the lock rod is so guided near the edge of the door.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 20,

wherein a first lock element is arranged on the driven toothed wheel ~~and, optionally, the drive toothed wheel~~ so as to be rigid against rotation with respect to the driven toothed wheel, and

wherein a second lock element is arranged on the drive toothed wheel so as to be rigid against rotation with respect to the drive toothed wheel.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,

wherein the lock element comprises a bent and/or shaped sheet-metal lug which can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotation.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,

wherein the lock element comprises a shaped or injection-molded plastic lug or metal lug which can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotation.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 20,

wherein the lock element comprises a metal carrier part such as bent and/or shaped sheet-metal lugs or injection-molded plastic lugs or metal lugs on which a shaped part made of plastic or another material ~~with favorable sliding properties~~ is arranged and which can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotation.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 27,

wherein the shaped part which is arranged on the lock element for engaging behind ~~the~~ housing contour or cabinet frame contour has a curved contour which enables a long closing path when loaded by closing forces.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 20,
wherein the lock element is made exclusively from plastic or another material ~~with good sliding properties~~ and can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotating.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 20,
wherein the lock element comprises a carrier part enclosing a shaped part that can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotating, and in that the lock element, in its entirety, is made of plastic or of a metal part with coating of a material ~~with good sliding properties~~.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 22,
wherein the metal profile or plastic profile has a substantially U-shaped cross section which encloses the lock rod and toothed wheels.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 31,
wherein the U-shaped profile can be closed by a cover which can be placed thereon.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,
wherein the actuation member comprises a swivel lever that can be folded into a trough arranged on the door.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 33,
wherein the trough comprises saw-proofing protection made of hard material.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 34,

wherein the saw-proofing protection can also be retrofitted into ~~[[the]]~~an inner contour of the ~~[[handle]]~~hand lever.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 35,
wherein the saw-proofing protection is a cylindrical pin of hard material which is supported
in the ~~[[handle]]~~hand lever so as to be rotatable around the ~~cylinder~~cylindrical axis of
the cylindrical pin.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 33,
wherein the trough comprises a lettering surface for displaying the rotating direction or other
writing and/or symbols such as company logos.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 33,
wherein the trough has shallow sloping outer side walls.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,
wherein the lock rod is guided in such a way that it lies between the door frame and the
toothed wheel.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 39, wherein the lock rod is
guided in a U-shaped profile.